

DPD 5908-59 ✓

31 August 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT: Instructions to Senior Air Officer - FE

REFERENCE: DIR 40154 (OUT 86345)

25X1A 1. [REDACTED] has passed on the word that you were inquiring as to the status of the instructions for the Senior Air Officer - FE, as understood at the last meeting with you on this subject on 21 July 1959. Specifically, you were emphatic that, in the letter of instructions to the SAO, it be pointed out to him that in day-to-day dealings, Headquarters would go directly to the [REDACTED] and that the SAO would only be directly involved when matters of policy were concerned. You further indicated that his instructions should include that, when an operation was to be run, the SAO would physically take charge of the operation. There were also other specifics which are not of major concern at this time.

2. Instructions beyond those listed in the reference have not been issued for the following reasons:

25X1A a. [REDACTED] was appointed as SAO only temporarily pending the availability of a suitable senior officer.

25X1A b. [REDACTED] is needed to handle most air matters on a day-to-day basis, as [REDACTED] is not yet constituted as planned and, therefore, not able to handle most matters.

25X1A c. The personality difficulty between our liaison officer at [REDACTED] and the Air Force Support Detachment

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25X1A Commander [REDACTED] and the questionable ability of [REDACTED] 25X1A
makes it preferable to not put the load [REDACTED] until these matters 25X1A
are resolved. It also may be preferable to delay putting the load on
25X1A [REDACTED] directly until after the AF-CIA detailee status is resolved.

25X1A 3. The instructions given [REDACTED] in reference message are,
therefore, considered proper and sufficient until a senior officer is in
25X1A [REDACTED] is activated as a
wholly owned and operated Agency asset.

[REDACTED]

Colonel USAF
Acting Chief, DPD-DD/P

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*I have attached draft change
for [REDACTED]
letter of instruction.
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